

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 30-32, 34-37, 39-44, 46-51, 53-55, 57 and 58 are pending in the application.

This application was the subject of an interview with Examiners Cecilia Tsang, Hemant Khanna, the inventor, Dr. New, and the undersigned on May 17, 2007.

The claims have been amended to follow the discussions during the interview and as summarized in the Interview Summary of that date.

The "active macromolecular principle" has been defined as a polypeptide or protein as in original claim 9 and as explained throughout the description of the invention, for instance at page 6, beginning at line 14.

The pH range and enteric coating featured in previous claim 33 has been incorporated into all of the independent claims. The claims directed to pharmaceutical compositions have been revised to specify an oral pharmaceutical composition which would be implicit from a composition which is coated with an enteric coating.

Claims 38 and 52 have been canceled as redundant and claims 45 and 56 canceled as being non-statutory. Claims 46 and 48 have been amended to specify that the administration is via the oral route.

By way of voluntary amendment minor changes have been made to claims 39, 40, 57 and 58 to remove wording that is arguably non-limiting. In particular, these amendments remove the phrases "including", "especially" and "may be". Also, the peptides GLP1 and GCSF have been added to those specifically mentioned in dependent claim 53 (based on page 6, lines 18 and 19). Finally, a minor clarifying change to the wording of claim 40 ("halogen" to "halogen atoms") has been made.

Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer over co-pending application Serial No. 10/553,169. Similar action will be taken in Serial No. 10/553,169.

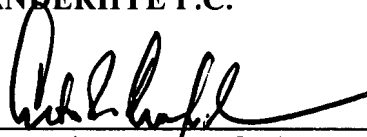
It is counsel's understanding that these amended claims are consistent with the discussions of May 17, 2007 and will place all of the claims remaining in this application in condition for allowance. If this is not the case or minor adjustments are required, please contact the undersigned by telephone.

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